

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated November 26, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 11, and no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 11-14 and 16-21 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 11-14 and 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wakai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,166,085) in view of Kitazawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,920,082) and Ahn (U.S. Patent No. 6,288,414).

This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 11 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 11 recites, for example, a combination of elements, "...wherein a region where the pad hole is formed is within a region where the contact hole is formed, and wherein the at least one of the gate pad electrode and the data pad electrode is within the region where the contact hole is formed." None of the cited references teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 and claims 12-14 and 16-21, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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